for them to fight with the Government. Nothing has been done and the Legislative Council has nothing to do. It is purely a Municipal affair.

**Mr. C. R. Iyyunni** *(Trichur South):* It is not merely that. I represent the Trichur Municipality. This is an order passed by the Government imposing upon the Municipality to pay a certain amount. Certainly I am entitled to question upon the right of the Government to pass an order without consulting the Municipality with regard to the payment.

**Mr. President:** The whole point is this. Because the hon'ble member had the right to ask, it has been admitted. Otherwise the President would have disallowed the question itself. But I am suggesting a procedure which would establish a healthy convention to save the time of the House. If the hon'ble member is a Member of the Trichur Municipality, naturally without the knowledge of the Municipal Council, this payment cannot be made. It is for him to raise all those points in the Municipal Council and make the Municipal Council send a representation to the Government, and if finally the Government, after hearing the representations, come to the same decision, then it is for this House to take up the question.

**Mr. C. R. Iyyunni** *(Trichur-South)* Before the Government passes an order in such matters, the Municipality may be consulted. That is the only point.

**Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar** *(Cheruthuruthi):* The Municipality will never pay this amount. At the time when the question comes, it will be considered.

**Mr. President:** Very frequently questions relating to the Municipal Administration are discussed in detail here. They are all subjects which must form matters of discussion in the Municipal Councils themselves. This is a typical case in point. An order of the Government has been communicated to the Municipality. If the Municipality is aggrieved, then the matter may be taken to the notice of the Government, for final orders. When that representation comes, the Government will decide.

## MALAYALAM IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE— EXAMINATION OF ACCOUNTS

**487. Mr. C. V. Iyyu** *(Kunnamkulam):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Director of Public Instruction deputed a clerk from his office to go through the accounts of the Malayalam Improvement Committee;

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(*b*) if so, did he examine the whole account;

(*c*) if not, why not?

**Mr. P. J. George** *Joint Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) As the clerk-in-charge was not able to afford sufficient facilities for scrutinising the records for some time.

**Mr. C. V. Iyyu** *(Kunnamkulam):* As regards (c) May I know whether the clerk in charge was able to hand over the accounts after a few hours at least?

**Mr. P. J. George** *(Joint Secretary to Government:* The clerk deputed really examined the records for some days.

**Mr. C. V. Iyyu** *(Kunnamkulam):* My question was whether the clerk deputed to go into the accounts was permitted to look into the accounts without unnecessary delay. The member replied that it was not possible. What was the time that he took for the beginning of the examination of the accounts?

**Mr. P. J. George** *(Joint Secretary to Government):* There is no information as to what amount of time was necessary.

**Mr. C. V. Iyyu** *(Kunnamkulam):* Will the Government be pleased to make enquiries about that?

**Mr. P. J. George** *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Yes.

## MALAYALAM IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

488. **Mr. C. V. Iyyu** *(Kunnamkulam):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether Mr. A. D. Harisarma has resigned the Secretary-ship of the Malayalam Improvement Committee;

(*b*) if so, for what reasons;

(*c*) the number of Secretaries who have resigned during the regime of the present President, Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon?

**Mr. P. J. George** *(Joint Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) On grounds of indifferent health.

(*c*) Two.

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